BIGGEST CLOAK HOUSE FAILS.

COURT APPOINTS A RECEIVER FOR MEYER JONASSON & CO.

Liabilities \$800,000 and Assets May Not Reach Haif a Million—Antagonism of the Retail Trade Has Killed the House -Creditors Declare It Bankrupt.

Creditors of the firm of Meyer Jonasson & Co., cloak and suit manufacturers at \$17 Broadway, filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy against the firm with the clerk of the United States District Court yesterday morning. At the same time, Hoadley, Lauterbach & Johnson, representing the creditors signing the petition, applied to Judge Adams in the United States District Court for the appointment of a temporary receiver for the firm.

Judgo Adams appointed Emanuel W Bloomingdale, of Bloomingdale Bros., receiver, requiring him to give a bond of Mr. Bloomingdale's bondsmen were in court and in half an hour after he had been appointed he entered upon the duties of temporary receiver for the firm.

The creditors petitioning to have the firm declared legally bankrupt are: Hyman & Brown of 85 Fifth avenue, Solomon & Newman of 536 Broadway and John C. Stratton of 7 Waverley place. Hyman & Brown allege that they are creditors to the amount of \$450; Solomon & Newman to the amount of \$350 and Stratton for \$1,200. None of these claims is more than three

The petitioners allege that they have felt compelled to ask that the firm be declared an involuntary bankrupt because, according to their information and belief. Meyer Jonasson & Co. have given certain creditors preference over others and have assigned collectible accounts due to the firm to other preferred creditors, all of which is contrary to law. The petitioners allege that the firm made these preferences, aggregating many thousands of dollars, on or about Aug. 5.

It is alleged in the petition that the firm has a stock of goods on hand valued at from \$200,000 to \$250,000 and outstanding accounts amounting to about \$100,000. As against this, it is alleged that large bills for merchandise and promissory notes are about to become due which the firm will not be able to meet and which would result in suits being instituted and writs of replevin sued out. This, it is alleged, would result in irreparable damage to all the creditors; therefore, the court is asked to interfere in the interests of all concerned.

The court's attention is called to the fact that the stock of the firm is, in a way, of a perishable nature, inasmuch as there are large quantities of cloaks and suits made up and ready for the fall and winter trade which must be sold or go out of style. In order that the stock may be realized on, the business must be continued and the goods disposed of. Hence the necessity for a temporary receiver to carry on the business indefinitely in the interest of all

the creditors.

The firm of Meyer Jonasson & Co. is one of the oldest and best-known cloak houses in the world. The fact that the concern is in financial difficulties will come as a surprise to the trade, because it has been generally supposed that the senior member of the firm was many times a millionaire and that his firm was doing a large and profitable business. The cause of the firm's downfall dates from the day it became a

retailer of cloaks and suits, as well as a manufacturer. Meyer Jonasson came to this country from Hamburg more than forty years ago and went to San Francisco, where he ob-tained employment, saved his money and finally started in the retail cloak business for himself. He prospered and, about 1874 came to New York and became a many facturer of cloaks at 358 Broadway. Not many years after that he opened a branch factory in Berlin and was soon recognized on both sides of the Atlantic as the largest manufacturer of cloaks in the world.

The firm continued business in lower Broadway until January of 1897, when it moved into the building it now occupies at the southwest corner of Twelfth street and Broadway. The property is owned by persons in Boston and Mr. Jonasson leased it at an annual rental of \$70,000 a year, agreeing to make all necessary repairs and literations at his own expense

When the firm moved into the new build-ing, it became a retailer as well as a wholeing, it became a retailer as well as a whole-saler, and sold suits as well as cloaks. This antagonized the retail trade and all of the largest customers in the East refused longer to do business with Meyer Jonasson & Co. The Berlin house had been given up and so, to offset the loss in its wholesale trade, the firm established branch retail houses in Boston and Pittsburg. In 1891 Mr. Jonasson took his oldest son, Joseph, and J. Henry Rothschild into partnership. Mr. Rothschild withdrew on Oct.

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The liabilities of the firm are placed at \$500,000, and Hays & Hershfield, its attorneys, say that the assets will equal the liabilities. From intimate friends of the elder Jonasson it was learned yesterday, however, that those who know best believe that the assets will not net more than \$500,000, if as much. The firm is indebted to three hundred firms for merchandise and to several local banks for loans. The heaviest individual credition it was said vesterday. individual creditor, it was said yesterday is the Hanover National Bank. From the bank it could not be ascertained yesterday to what extent it is a creditor of the firm or the character of its security.

Meyer Jonasson has an equity in a large amount of real estate at Long Branch and Meyer Jonasson has an equity in a large amount of real estate at Long Branch and it was generally supposed that he owned his residence at 961 Madison avenue. It was learned yesterday, however, that he was forced to sell his town house several months ago. Several years ago Mr. Jonasson was much in the public eye on account of a strike of the cloak operatives in this city. Barondess was the leader of the strikers and he made bitter attacks upon Mr. Jonasson. Jonasson paid no attention to these attacks and he finally brought about a settlement of the strike on terms so satisfactory to the strikers that, after it was all over, they fell down before him in the street and declared that he was the best friend they ever had.

Besides the son who is in business with him, Mr. Jonasson has another son, Henry,

him, Mr. Jonasson has another son, Henry, about 32 years old. His wife died several years ago and his only daughter died shortly after her marriage to Charles Patzowski. after her marriage to Charles Patzowski. Mr. Patzowski was employed by his father-in-law and some time after his wife's death he married the opera singer, Sophie Traub-

mann.

For about three years Mr. Jonasson has been in ill health. About a year ago he underwent an operation for the removal of gallstones and since then he has been much better, but still not in robust health. An old friend of his told a reporter of THE

An old friend of his told a reporter of THE SUN yesterday that the downfall of his firm has completely prostrated him.

A few months ago Jonasson & Co. negotlated with the Astors for a new building to be erected on the north side of West Thirty-fourth atrect, just west of Astor court. It was the intention of the firm to collow the unterpresent his R. H. follow the uptown movement set by R. H. Macy & Co. and others.

N. Y. Central Buys St. Lawrence Docks. The New York Central management has acquired by purchase and lease several important docks along the St. Lawrence River, with the purpose, it is said, of establishing a new line of steamers between Lewiston and Montreal. Four of the best-known Thousand Island docks have been leased by the road and sub-leased to the Folgers.

New Directors of the Ann Arbor Railroad H. W. Ashley, J. Edward Simmons, C. J. Lawrence and S. C. Reynolds have been elected directors of the Ann Arbor Railroad to succeed C. W. Burt, Amos F. Eno, G. W. Quintard and C. D. Stewart. This road was recently purchased by the Goulds. President Ramsey of the Wabash has been elected president.

RUNAWAY BOY LOSES A LEG. Freight Train Cuts Off One Leg and Man-

gles the Other. SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 16 .- Sixteenyear-old John O'Neill of Elizabethport, who ran away from his home to-day, was riding on a westbound freight train on the Central Railroad of New Jersey this evening near Annadale, when he fell off and had his right leg severed below the knee and his left leg badly mangled.

O'Neill was accompanied by five boys who jumped from the train to care for their who jumped from the train to care for their injured companion. The boys flagged an eastbound freight train, which picked up O'Neill and his companions and brought them here.

O'Neill was fast bleeding to death when

Thomas Galvin, a conductor, tore strips from his shirt and knotted them tightly about the boy's leg and saved his life. O'Neill was taken to the Somerset Hospital, where he was followed by his compital. panions, who refused to leave him until they were assured that he would probably

DEATHS IN THE PHILIPPINES. Cholera and Dysentery the Principal Causes.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 .- The War Department is advised by cable from Gen. Chaffee Manila, of the following deaths reported in that command since last report. Sept. 1:
Cholera—Privates Thomas J. Doyle. Troop
M. Eleventh Cavalry: Wilbur Knight, Company A. First Infantry; Calvin C. Burns,
Troop D. Sinth Cavalry: John Sutton, Company H. Second Battalion Engineers; Del W.
Harris, Company D. Fifth Infantry: Robert
Long, Company A. Fifth Infantry: Albert
Voiller, Troop G. Fifth Cavalry: Fred C.
Kisling, Troop H. Fifth Cavalry: Joseph R.
Archambault, Company I, Second Infantry
ten route to San Francisco on the Sherman).
Dysentery—Privates Christ Stamm, Company C, Twenty-sixth Infantry; Van B Combs,
Company I. First Infantry: Randle Elliott,
Company C, Twenty-seventh Artillery: John
W. Lawson, Company K, First Infantry;
William L, Neal, Troop M, Sixth Cavalry;
Harry E, Burt, Troop L, Fifth Cavalry; Corporal Louis Mauer, Company L, Twentyninth Infantry.
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Harry E. Burt, Troop L. Filth Cavary, Copporal Louis Mauer, Company L. Twenty-inth Infantry.
Diarrhom-Private Jesse Ruppe, Company C. Eleventh Infantry.
Insanity-Private Jacob Kamm, Troop K, Eleventh Cavalry.
Found dead in well-Private Henry Krallman, Troop H, Fifth Cavalry.
Killed while assaulting guard while prisoner-Private Isaac Stone, Company D, Eleventh Infantry.

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Eleventh Infantry,
Heart disease-Private Reuben Morris,
Troop G. Ninth Cavairy,
Variola-Theron C. Smith, Hospital Corps.
Typhoid fever-Private William A. Shippee,
Troop I., Eleventh Cavairy,
Killed trying to escape guard-Private
Harrison Van Valkenberg, Troop A. Third
Cavairy valry. Pneumonia - Private Alfred T. Davis, Com-II. First Infantry.
ects of gunshot wound, accidentalte William J. Campbell, Company I.

rist Infantry.

Effects of gunshot wound in action—Priate William S. Barr, Company C. First In vate William S. Barr, Company C. First Infantry
Suicide—Private John Smalls, Troop E,
Ninth Cavalry,
Killed in action—Metaling Falls, Mindanao,
Aug. 31, Private Charles M. Branson, Company E, Eleventh Infantry,
Wounded—Privates Charles C Logsdon,
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wounded in thigh, serious; Martin Foster,
moderately.

"AUNT JULIA" HANSON DEAD. Old Colored Woman Had Lived in Wash ington Nearly 80 Years.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 .- A remarkable colored woman, Mrs. Julia Hanson aged 98 years, died at her residence in Washington last night and with her death passed one of the capital's oldest inhabitants. "Aunt Julia," as she was generally called, lived in Washington nearly eighty years, having come here when she was freed from slavery by her master, William Grindall of Maryland, in 1823. William Grindall of Maryland, in 1823.

She managed to accumulate considerable property by keeping a boarding house, and until her death was fond of relating stories of distinguished guests of the old days, including Senators and Representatives, who preferred staying at her neat home to stopping at the hotels of the city.

Her death was the result of serious burns, which whe received three months ago. which she received three months ago.

CUBAN SUGAR PRODUCTION. 361.863 Tons Left on Hand This Year.

Compared With 113,585 Tons Last Year. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.-The State Department has received a report from Minister Soulers at Havana regarding sugar production in Cuba. It shows that 466,306 tons of sugar were exported from Cuba in 1901 as compared with 442,442 tons this

The amount left on hand a year ago pared with 361,863 tons now on hand in Cuba. The total amount exported and on hand this year was 804,305 tons and last year 579,892, which, added to the old stock and domestic consumption, makes the total production of 1902, 806,773 tons, as compared with 600,268 produced in 1901.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. - These army orders have Lieut. Coi. John L. Chamberlain, Inspector-General, from San Francisco to the Philippines. Coi. Ernest A. Garlington, Inspector-General, from Chicago to Department of California as Inspector General.

Col. Charles H. Heyl, Inspector-General, from this city to the Department of the Lakes as Inspec-

this city to the Department of the Leaves as Inspector-General,
Lieut, Col. Stephen C. Mills, Inspector-General,
from the Department of the Missouri to this city.
Capt. Robert S. Smith, Paymaster, from Manila
to New York city for further orders.
Major John G. D. Knight and Capts, Hiram M.
Chittenden and David du B. Gaillard, Corps of
Engineers, Capt. Harry C. Hale, Twentieth Infantry, to Fort Riley for the managuvres.
Capt. George W. Moses, Ninth Cavalry, is assigned to Troop C, vice Capt. John B. Christlan,
unassigned.

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First Lieut. John W. Kilbreth, Jr., Artillery
Corps, from leave of absence to Join his station.
Second Lieuts. John P. Terrell, Sixth Field Artillery:
William M. Davis, Sixth Field Artillery: William F.
Morrison, Seventh Field Artillery: Stephen Abbott.
Twentieth Field Artillery, to Join their batteries
at Fort Riley.
Leaves of absence granted—Capt. Charles W.
Abbott, Jr., Twelfth Infantry, for four months;
First Lieut. Chase A. Doster, Twenty-first Infantry,
for two months: Second Lieut. Frank I. Otis, Eighth
Cavalry, for two months; First Lieut. Matthew E.
Hanna, Second Cavalry, for two months; Capt.
James S. Parker, Tenth Cavalry, extended one
month; Col. Charles H. Heyl, Inspector-General,
for one month; Lieut. Col. William H. Cowegys.
extended two months; First Lieut. Jack Hayes,
Sixteenth Infantry, for one month: Capt. James
W. Dawes, Paymaster, for ten days: First Lieut,
S. Y. Britt, Artillery, for twenty-third Infantry,
for fifteen days; Col. Stephen W. Groesbeck, Judge
Advocate, extended two months; First Lieut, Charles
R. Clark, Sixth Infantry, changed to sick leave of absence: Chaplain Barton W. Perty, Artillery, for twenty-fifth
Infantry, extended three months; First Lieut, James M. Ell. Seventeenth
Infantry, extended three months; First Lieut, First Lieut, James M. Bell, Seventeenth
Infantry, extended three months; First Lieut, Charles M.
Bundel, Twenty-fifth Infantry, for three months;
First Lieut, James B. Gowen, Sixteenth Infantry,
for three months; Capt. John F. MeBlain, Ninth
Cavalry, for six days.
Lieut.-Col. Louis M. Maus, Deputy SurgeonGeneral, to charge of the Medical Supply Depot,
San Francisco, relieving Lieut. Col. John D. Hall,
Deputy Surgeon-General, ordered to Manila.
Major Jefferson R. Kean, Surgeon, from leave
of absence to this Creen for the Medical Supply Depot,
San Francisco, releving Lieut. Col. John D. Hall,
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of absence to this city.

First Lieut, George H. R. Gosman, Assistant Surteon, from Fort Hancock to Fort Wadsworth for
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Mator Walter D. McCiw. Surgeon, from Fort Wadsworth to this city as a member of the faculty of the army medical school.

Col. Charles L. Helsemann. Assistant Surgeon-Gen-eral, from Department of the Lakes to Department of California as Chief Surgeon, relieving Lleut. Col. Phillip F. Harvey, Deputy Surgeon-General, ordered to Chleago, as Chief Surgeon, Department of the Lakes.

Col. Jacob A. Augur, Tenth Cavalry, Capt. Andrew S. Rowan, Maeteenth Infantry, and Capt. Benjamin Alvord, Twentieth Infantry, to Fort Benjamin Alvord. Twentieth Infantry, the Riley during manduryres.
Capi. Thomas T. Priss II. Twenty fourth Infantry, to join his company at Fort Assimition.
First Lieut, William D. Connor. Corps of Engineers, from Washington Barracks to New London.
Col. Calvin de Witt, Assistant Surgeon-General, detailed as president of the faculty of the army medical school. Washington, relieving Col. Charles Smart, Assistant Surgeon-General.

These naval orders have been issued: Commander T. C. McLean, from command of Cincinnati to home and wait orders. Commander N. E. Mason, from Naval War Col-Commander N. E. Mason, from Naval War College, Newport, to command of Cincinnati.
Surreon J. W. Ross (retired), from navy yard, Pensacola, to Museum of Hygiene and medical school, Washington.
Assistant Surgeon J. H. Idon, from the Lancaster to the Topeka, Changes Asia Station—Surgeon J. E. Gardner, to Yokohama E. pital.

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COLOMBIAN SOLDIERS OBSTRUCT TRAFFIC ON PANAMA R. R.

Capt. McLean of the Cincinnati Reports That a Train on Which He Travelled Was Held Up-Explanation Asked the Colombian Government.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 .- The situation on the Isthmus of Panama has been complicated by the action of Colombian soldiers who are obstructing the traffic along the Panama Railroad. It has been supposed that the revolutionists were the obstructionists, but information from Capt. McLean of the Cincinnati, received at the Navy Department to-day, is that Government soldiers on several occasions have hind ered traffic.

That they did not cease in their obstruc tion work even after complaint was made to the Governor of the province is apparent from Capt. McLean's despatch. The new difficulty is regarded with some seriousness by the officials here. After a conference to-day between Secretary Moody and acting Secretary of State Adee, instructions were sent to Minister Hart at Bogota to present the facts, as reported by Capt. McLean, to President Marroquin of the 'olombian Government, with a note, calling for an explanation.

Special instructions have also been sent United States Consul Malmross at Colon, and Vice-Consul Ehrdman at Panama telling of the action of the State Department in calling the matter to the attention of the Colombian Government, explaining that Capt. McLean's instructions are to keep the traffic open and that the Consuls hould cooperate with him in every way apt. McLean's despatch is as follows:

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Yesterday went Panama Train stopped twice by obstructions. Plate iron, &c., placed on track. After train passed Government soldiers replaced obstructions. Accompanied by Consul and Commander Potter called on Governor. Friendly conversation Returning Colon this morning stopped by obstructions. Soldiers were compelled to remove them. Soldiers then stood on track. My directions train moved on, soldiers imped away. Will guard trains. No revolutionists in sight, but rumored coming toward railroad.

It was this despatch that told for the first time that the Colombian soldiers, instead of cooperating with the Americans in an effort to keep traffic open, are, in fact, obstructing the railroad. The officials here are at a loss to understand the action on the part of Colombian soldiers, and express the belief that instead of its having the approval of the Colombian Govern-ment, it is merely the act of a particular body of soldiers that may be acting under the authority of the Governor of the prov-

There is a feeling that the Government There is a feeing that the Government may be in sympathy with the revolution-ists and that the alleged Government sol-diers are really revolutionary sympathizers. The Navy Department officials, say, howver, that this is not borne out by the text positively that they were Government sol-

It is also pointed out that Capt. McLean thinks it of importance to say that the conversation with the Governor was friendly, which indicates that at least there was me doubt as to the Governor's attitude No matter where the responsibility lies it is the intention of the United States Government to have a complete explana-tion from the Colombian Government of the conduct of the Colombian soldiers. Under the treaty with Colombia

United States guarantees to keep the traffic on the Isthmus open and Colombia guar-antees at the same time to give the United States free transit across the Isthmus. The obstruction of this passage by Govern ment soldiers amounts to a violation of the treaty rights of the United States, and if treaty rights of the United States, and if done without the knowledge of the Government officials should be promptly disavowed.

The purpose of sending a large force of marines to the Isthmus and having an effective naval force at Colon and Panama has been to insure open traffic on the Isthmus and protect the railroad line from interference by the revolutionists.

Additional instructions were sent this afternoon to Capt. McLean to guard the

afternoon to Capt. McLean to guard the railroad and keep the traffic open, no matter whether Colombian soldiers or revolution whether Colombian soldiers or revolution-ists obstruct the line. It is recognized that Capt. McLean's task requires delicate hand-ling to avoid a clash with the Colombian soldiers, who did not hesitate to obstruct the train bearing the American naval offi-

cers, and persisted in the work even after ordered to desist.

As Capt. McLean's tour of sea service As Capt. McLean's tour of sea service has about expired, the Navy Department has ordered Commander Newton K. Mason of the Naval War College to the command of the Cincinnati. It will be several days before the order goes into effect, and should Capt. McLean become involved in the work on the Lightnus he will not be disturbed. on the Isthmus he will not be disturbed but will continue in command of the Cin-

cinnati until the situation is relieved. A telegram was received at the Navy Department to-day from Rear-Admira Department to-day from Rear-Admiral Silas Casey, announcing the arrival yesterday of the Wisconsin at San Francisco. After cealing at San Francisco and receiving further instructions, the Wisconsin will proceed with all possible speed to Panama. The Panther, which left League Island on Sunday night, is not expected at Colon before the end of the week, and, pending her arrival, the marines of the Cincinnati and Ranger will be used in any emergency that may arise.

PRESERVING BUTTER. Borlo Preparation May He Used Without

Payment of Tax. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 .-- A decision of in terest to exporters of butter was made today by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who holds that the addition of borio preservatives in limited quantities to fresh butter for the purpose purely of preventing rancidity does not subject such butter to a tax of ten cents a pound as renovated butter within the meaning of the act of the ast Congress.

The preservative is used principally in butter exported to the tropics, where, with-out it; the product would soon become rancid, and a majority of orders from such

Movements of Naval Vessels. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.-The tug Ac omac has arrived at Havana, the battleship Illinois, the cruisers Chicago and Albany at Villefranche, the cruiser Cincinnati at Colon, the collier Arethusa at Suez, the training ship Lancaster at Gardiner's Bay and the battleship Wisconsin at San Francisco. The training ship Essex has sailed from Provincetown for Yorktown, the collier Sterling from Lambert's Point for New York and the cruiser New York from Yuensan for Miyatsu.



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HURT IN BALL GAME; DIES. Deputy Sheriff Osborne, Who Once Had

a Duel With a Desperado, Dead. GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 16 .- Deputy Sheriff William Osborne, one of the bray est officers in the State and the most inde fatigable backer of J. N. Locke, the inde pendent candidate for Sheriff in Hamilton county, is dead at Lake Pleasant from in-

juries received in a Fourth of July ball game He was proprietor of Osborne's Inn. Two years ago he captured Charles Two years ago he captured Charles Wadsworth, a desperado connected with the "Windfall gang," after a fight in the woods, in which Wadsworth put bullets through Osborne's hat. They fought each other from behind trees until Osborne put a bullet through Wadsworth's arm, when he surrendered. Wadsworth, when sent to Clinton prison, where he is yet, threatened to kill the deputy as soon as he was out again.

out again.
Osborne's father was killed a few years ago at Fish House, and his murderer is now a convict at Clinton prison.

POTATO BOOM ON LONG ISLAND. 100 Per Cent. Advance in a Week and Sunday Freight Trains Necessary.

The price of Long Island potatoes has advanced 100 per cent, within the last week, and the farmers are correspondingly happy A week ago potatoes were selling for 25

cents a bushel.

The crop this year is an unusually large one, and it is said that the advance in price has been due to reports from up the State that potatoes are rotting in the ground

The Long Island Railroad has been swamped and has been twenty-four hours behind with its freight business, largely through shipments of potatoes even at the low prices of last week. It has become necessary to run freight trains on Sunday, a most unusual occurrence

HIS ARTIFICIAL ARM SEARCHED. Hunt for Smuggled Goods on a Cabin Pas-

A cabin passenger aboard the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinz, Wilhelm, in vesterday from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, was detained for examination on the pier because he was suspected of having smuggled in \$10,000 worth of jewelry. All his baggage was overhauled and All his baggage was overhauled and nothing dutiable revealed, and then he was personally examined. He had an artificial arm, and was made to take it off and turn it over to an inspector. It had lots of room inside for jewelry, but contained nothing The passenger protested against the search

MATERIAL FOR A DRAMA. As Foreman of the Queens County Grand

Jury Clay M. Greene May Get It. Clay M. Greene, actor and playwright was made foreman of the Queens County Grand Jury, which assembled before County Judge Harrison S. Moore at the opening of the fall term of the court of that county in Long Island City. The jury will investigate the murder of Detective John J. Sheridan on July 16 by two fleeing burglars and the killing of Philip Stoffel by Henry Freshman in a saloon in Ridgewood during a quarrel over 50 cents.

HIS ACCUSER INSANE? Man Charged With Arson by His Brother in Jail at Newburgh.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Sept. 16.-William Murphy, a saloon-keeper, is in the county jail unable to secure bail on an indictment for arson. The evidence was furnished by his brother, who is said by some to be insane. This brother, who is said by some to be insane.
This brother alleges that he was engaged to burn the Academy of Music block. William Murphy declares his innocence, and says that his brother is seeking revenge because William would not share his father's

Trolley From Indianapolis to Chicago. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 16 .- An important link in the trolley system to connect Cincinnati and Chicago was secured to-day when Townsend, Reed & Co., of Chicago, purchased the Indianapolis, Shelby-ville and Southeastern Traction line. The Townsend-Reed Company is now construct-ing a line from Indianapolis to Lafayette, another important link.

The Shelbyville line, which is twenty-eight miles long, was bought for \$750,000 the builders realizing about \$100,000 profit.

Decision Against Carnegle in a Patent Suit PITTSBURG, Pa. Sept. 16.-Judge Joseph Buffington of the United States Circuit Court decided to-day that the Carnegie Company had been infringing for many years on the patents of John Brisbin and Anthony vinnac, former steel mill rollers. Brisbin is now a janitor. The men secured patents in 1886 on feeding tables for large ingots. The machines are in use in every structural steel mill in the United States. The suit was entered in 1897. The inventors' share

in the profits will amount to a fortune. Receiver for Texas Insurance Companies.

AUSTIN, Texas, Sept. 16 .- In the District Court here to-day the application of E. H. Schneider of Houston for the appointment of a receiver for the Texas Home Mutual Insurance Company of Austin and the Con-tinental Fire Association of Fort Worth was granted, and H. P. Hilliard was appointed receiver of the two corporations.

The will of Major Charles A. Smylie, who was killed while hunting deer in the Adirondacks by the accidental shot of his com-panion, Judge Charles B. Storrs, was filed for probate yesterday. It leaves his estate to his widow. She and Milton Hopkins are executors.

George Gould to Be Back This Week. George J. Gould, who has been on a railroad trip West, is expected back in this city the end of this week.

Sale of All Silk Umbrellas.

26-inch Frame For Women,

in black, navy, red and green, handles solid silver caps with partridge and pearl mounts; fine English box and furze, plain and with solid silver trimmings.

26-inch Frame For Men.

fine English box and furze, \$1.95, value \$3.00.

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JEROME ON JAKE WOLF'S TRAIL

GETS WOLF'S BARTENDER FOR REASONS WOLF WELL KNOWS.

Somebody Has Been "Monkeying With" the Herlihy Witnesses and in Such Case the District Attorney Serves Notice That He'll Apply Tammany Methods.

Jacob Wolf's bartender was arrested yesterday, by Detective Welsh of the Disrict Attorney's office, on a John Doe warrant charging him with violating the Excise law last Sunday at Wolf's saloon, 11 Delancey street. The evidence was obtained by some of District Attorney Jerome's detectives. Mr. Jerome says that he has seven cases against Wolf's place and he is going to begin proceedings in the Supreme Court for the revocation of Wolf's license.

Wolf is a friend of Inspector Cross and is correspondingly hated by Sergt. Churchill of the West Forty-seventh street station. When Churchill was acting captain in the Fifth street station Inspector Cross raided a lot of disorderly houses, and Churchill was charged with neglect of duty.

Persons whom Mr. Jerome relies on have old him that Wolf is known as the collector of the East Side. Mrs. Wisner, Lena Schmidt and Minnie Kurtz, well-known keepers of disorderly houses on the East Side, complained recently of Wolf to the District Attorney.

"I want this crowd of people who have been monkeying with the Herlihy witnesses to understand," said Mr. Jerome vesterday, "that I will not let up on them. I am going to follow the old Tammany practice of getting after them; only, of course I will get after them fairly.

against it, you may be assured that I am doing it for some particular reason. It

doing it for some particular reason. It may be to get a captain or it may be to get a collector, or for some other good reason. The general public may not know just what the reason is, but the wise ones will know. If any one monkeys with this office I will go after him, and I have three years and a half before me.

"While this violation of the liquor law was going on in Wolf's saloon, and while the bar room was open and men were leaning against the bar and drinking, a Central Office detective was present and did nothing. The law makes him liable to imprisonment for a year or not more than two years. I don't know just who he is, but my men are going to look over the men but my men are going to look over the men attached to a certain staff and pick him

The bartender was arraigned before Justice Wyatt of Special Sessions and committed to the Tombs. An attempt was made to bail the prisoner in the Tombs police court last night. Acting on advice from Justice Wyatt, Magistrate Mayo refused to accept bail. The Justice said he had been instructed by District Attorney Jerome that bail should not be given in the case except on forty-eight

TAYLOR'S FATHER SENDS BAIL. And Essex County Prosecution Agrees

That \$1,000 Be the Sum. Edward O. Taylor, the young Hollander who shot and killed his friend Clarence White, on Sunday, at East Orange, was taken to the Essex county court house in Newark, yesterday, and was questioned by County Prosecutor Chandler W. Riker. who agreed to have the sum of \$1,000 fixed as his bail. That amount had been cabled from Tava, by the young man's father through the Dutch Consul in this city. An effort is being made to weave romances about the young man who was killed for a burglar. It is stated that his real name was Curtis O. Shaw of Davenport, Ia. It is said also that he was married to one girl, engaged to another and had tried to persuade a third to elope with him

TO HEAD OFF FORGERS. City Proposes to Use Specially Watermarked Paper for Vouchers.

The Board of City Record is considering plan for safeguarding city warrants, checks, vouchers, certificates and other official documents which practically represent cash and are subject to forgery. proposed to use instead of the co unmarked paper a specially made water-marked paper for all such youchers. At present the only method of safeguarding them is the requirement that they shall be signed by the different officials.

Harlem Y. W. C. A. School

The annual educational opening and rally of the Harlem Young Women's Christian Association will occur next Thursday evening, Sept. 18, in the association build-ing, at 74 West 124th street. Col. Alexander ing, at 74 West 124th street. Col. Alexander P. Ketchum will give an address in the auditorium on "Young Women Who Win." Some music will be rendered, and an informal exhibition will be given in the gymnasium. This year for the first time the association is able to equip a department of domestic science, and full courses will be offered in cooking, chemistry of foods, food value and cost of food materials.

Aged Farmer Robbed by Three Men. TITUSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 16.-Hugh Miles st years old, a former oil producer living near Fagundus, was overpowered while milking his cows last evening by three strangers and taken to the house, where his aged wife was bound and intimidated into keeping silent with a revolver. Miles disclosed the hiding-place of the key to an old safe, which was opened and a \$1,000 Government bond was secured with \$145 in mobey and \$500 worth of jewelry. They took a horse from the barn and got away.

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Dress Boots, button and lace styles, made of flexible vici kidskin, Cuban heels, light welted soles, equal-in appearance and service - to any other store's \$5.00 boot; our price...... \$3.49 Hygienic Walking Boots, button and lace style, made of strong, mellow vici kidskin, ample round toes, patent leather tips, military heels, medium weight welted soles, would be cheap at \$5.00; our

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Women's Pedestrian Skirts, blue and black melton and heavy cheviot, open seams, finished with wide side plaits or buttons Women's Pedestrian Skirts, black Thibet and cheviots,

habit back, side plaits, tailor-stitched Women's Walking Suits, striped pebble cheviot, dim white stripes on black grounds, blouse model, finished with tailorstitched straps, buttons and satin piping, lined with taffeta: skirts have open seams with side plaits and piped with

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STRIKE AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

NION LABOR NOW; PAINTERS AND DECORATORS QUIT.

Employment of Decorators From New York Adds to Rivalry Between Unions The Strike May Delay Repairs Beyond Time for President's Return.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.-A fight between rival organizations of painters and decorators resulted to-day in a strike by thirty members of the craft who are employed in he rehabilitation of the White House. The other artisans at work on the building may also be called out by the American Federation of Labor if the matter is not adjusted, which would suspend the work indefinitely Such progress was being made in the repairs that it was thought the residence part of the house would be ready for occupancy when the President returns early in October, but the strike will probably postpone the

The strike came about through the importation from New York of four decorators who are members of the Amalgamated Association of Painters, an organization confined to New York city, and which, until recently, kept the field there to themselves by placing a charge of \$75 on the granting of a working card to members of

out-of-town organizations who desired to work in New York. The local organization is called the Broth-erhood of Painters and Decorators, and is ernood of rainters and Decorators, and is organized throughout the country, being one of the affiliated bodies of the American Federation of Labor. It had been unable to gain a foothold in New York until recently, but some months ago organized a branch there in spite of the Amalgamated Asso-ciation.

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The rivalry between the two unions has several times resulted in strikes, and was transferred to Washington to-day through the efforts of the representatives of the local union to secure the dismissal of the four New York painters. When the foreman declined to listen to the demand the thirty local members stopped work.

Whether the strike will affect the carpenters, electric workers and bricklayers employed on the White House, who belong to unions affiliated, like the painters, with the American Federation of Labor, has not been decided. The latter organi-

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Rabbi Convicted of Beating a Pupil. Jacob Jacobwitz, a rabbi who lives at 177 East Houston street, and who has a Hebrew school at 128 Lewis street, was convicted in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday morning of beating one of his pupils, Henry Alkoff, of 123 Lewis street, for some trivial offence in school. In defence Jacobwitz said that the boy had called him vile names and had pulled his beard. Jacobwitz was committed for ten days by Justice Wyatt.

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CAPT. CREEDEN SERIOUSLY 11.1. A Congestive Chill, Not an Apoplectic Stroke The Downes Trial.

Chief Surgeon Cook of the Police Peps nent reported to Col. Partridge year the result of an examination he had a of Capt. Timothy J. Creeden. Dr. (said that he found the captain a prett man and that the outcome of his

was doubtful. The surgeon said that Capt. Cre had had a congestive chill on Sept. It The surgeon did not believe that it was apoplectic seizure. The chil. was a serious thing to one of the cal

years.
The trial of Capt. Creeden's wa John H. Downes, was restmed at la quarters yesterday. Joseph M. O'N-clerk of the Citizens' Union, Assistan-trict Attorney John H. Iselin and to Detective Maher, testified. The tria

adjourned again until Sept. 29. MR. FINCH'S SKULL FRACTI BID.

A Crowd Attacked Him When He Was tank versing With a Young Girl. John C. Finch, 50 years old, of 437 H street, Brooklyn, is laid up at 81. A Hospital with a fractured skuil, the of an affray in which he was invol

Linwood street and Belmont avenue Monday night.

While he was in conversation ung girl, who belonged in Joseph Cully, 29 years old, of 86 Van-

veer street, who is said to have struc-blow, was arrested and held for exam-tion, in default of \$500 bail.